

White Deer Lake Camp, Birch Cabin
Cyrus H. McCormick Experimental Forest
Champion vicinity
Marquette County
Michigan

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Physical History

Very little information is available on this structure, sometimes referred to as the Women's or Ladies' Cabin. Apparently little was done to modify it, although many proposals were made. It appears complete in the circa 1907 photos. Work on the porches in the 1930's is indicated in the files and plans.

Description

The Birch Cabin is a two-story, 24 by 26 foot combination horizontal log and wood-frame structure with a 10 by 12 foot log wing which contains the baths. The exterior combines mortar-chinked log walls with shingle sidewalls on the lakeside and at the gable ends. The first floor has a balcony on three sides. There are four rooms and a bath on both first and second floors. The roof is covered with asphalt shingles. The foundation is a combination of concrete piers and native stone footings. Between the bottom of the building and the sloping bedrock on the lakeside, a lattice or palisade of four inch birch poles was constructed to hide the underside of the cabin. Wood stoves were located in each room.

For overview history, see White Deer Lake Camp, MI-30.

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